COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, March 31st, 1884.

The Board of Aldermen met in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Hyman, Alds. Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, O'Meara, Beattie, Cowan, Skinner, Scarrow, Stringer, Niven, Becher, and A. S. Abbott, city clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Joseph Grove—Having received notice that my application for exemption of taxes and free water has been passed by your honorable body, I beg leave to tender my thanks, trusting that the corporation of the City of London will ever foster new industries. Filed.

A. Isaac, clerk of London East—Notice of the appointment of a committee re Adelaide street bridge repairs. No. 2, with power.

Wm Henderson—Asking permission to tap sewer on Sydenham street, in order to drain a dwelling at corner of George street. No. 2, power.

M. Masuret and others—Asking for an asphalt walk between Princess and Dufferin avenues on Wellington street. No. 2.

John Christie and others—Asking for a tile sewer on Waterloo street between Princess avenue and Carling's Creek. No 2

B. J. Harrington, corresponding secretary, Montreal—In reference to the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. No. 1.

Jas. Logan and nineteen others—Asking that Queen's avenue between Colborne and William streets be not watered. No. 3

W. M. Spencer, secretary Imperial Oil Company—Asking that the head offices, if located in the city, be exempt from taxes for ten years, or that the taxation be merely nominal. No. 1.

Geo. F. Jewell, sec.-treas., Thames Flood Relief Committee—Copy of audited statement of all accounts. Filed.

F. E Leonard—Offering a lot 136x204 feet, corner Grosvenor and Wellington streets for a gravel pit at $1,600, offer good for ten days. No. 2.

Jas. Mitcheltree—Offer of a gravel pit lot for $1,000. No. 2.

Thos Churcher and others—Asking that Clarence street, from Simcoe to the river be graded. No. 2.

Alex. Harvey—Protesting against erecting an embankment at east end of Oxford bridge, as it will cause the flooding of his property. Bridge Committee.

Residents west side of Richmond street—Petition for stone pavement between York and Dundas. No. 2.

Andrew Keefe—In reference to taxes. No. 1.

City Solicitor relative to bylaws to be submitted. Filed.

INVITING DIGNITARIES.

Messrs. Jas. Watson and Col. Lewis, on behalf of the Western Fair Board, addressed the Council, asking that the corporation invite the Governor-General and Lietenant-Governor of Ontario to attend two days of the fair week. The Fair Board would share in the expense of entertainment.

Ald. Cowan moved and Ald. Hunt seconded that the Governor-General and lady and the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario be invited to visit the city and attend the Fair on Sept 24 and 25, the question of the city's share of expenses to be referred to No. 1 Committee to report funds in case the invitation be accepted. Carried.

ELECTING OFFICIALS.

A bylaw was submitted providing that in all appointments to office made by the Council the vote shall be by ballot.

A letter was read from the City Solicitor stating that he thought the validity of the bylaw was doubtful, as the people have a right to know the actions of their representatives; further, that it would be inoperative, as yeas and nays could be called on any vote. On the second reading the bylaw was deferred for six months.

A TREE INSPECTOR.

A bylaw was introduced amending sections 161 and 164 of the bylaws, making James Grant, Victoria Park caretaker, tree inspector, instead of the Street Commissioner, and containing regulations regarding trees and boulevards. Read three times and passed.

PROHIBITING CERTAIN NOISES.

Bylaw introduced prohibiting steam whistling by locomotives for the purpose of signaling, making up trains or for purposes other than those authorized by the Dominion Parliament or the Ontario Legislature; also forbidding the whistling of stationary engines. Alarm whistles, in case of fire, collision, etc., are permitted. Penalty not more than $50 ; 21 days in default. Read three times and passed. Bylaw to operate from May 1.

ENCOURAGING TREE PLANTING.

Bylaw introduced providing that a bonus of 25 cents be paid for each shade tree planted in the city under the provisions of the "Ontario Tree Planting Act" and in accordance with local regulations. Read first time

Ald. Becher objected on the ground that the city would incur heavy expense and moved that the bylaw be read six months hence. No seconder. Bylaw read second time.

Ald. Hewitt said the Government would pay back to the city one-half the bonus.

In amendment to the third reading, Ald. Becher moved, and Ald. O'Meara seconded, that the expenditure growing out of the bylaw do not exceed $1,000 per year. Lost, and bylaw read third time.

ENCOURAGING MANUFACTURE.

Bylaw submitted exempting the establishment of Joseph Grove from taxation for five years, on condition that he employ at least fifteen hands in the manufacture of fire proof safes and locks, exemption to date from January 1 last. It also authorized the